

WEST VIRGINIA'S
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September 2008 – Newsletter

We would like to welcome everyone back from their summer vacations. Just wanted to let everyone know about all of the things that have been going on and of some of our upcoming events.

June:

Received a check for \$2,000 from the WV Trophy Hunters Association at their annual banquet. These funds will go a long way in helping finance our low-budget program.

Coordinated with Pam Cline (Summersville CVB) to hold the upcoming August 2008 training and March 2009 State Tournament at the Summersville Armory.

Met with Ed McMinn of the WV Bowhunters Association to discuss possible funding opportunities for WV Archery in the Schools Program. The discussion was very encouraging. They are contemplating partial grant funding of new school's archery equipment.

July:

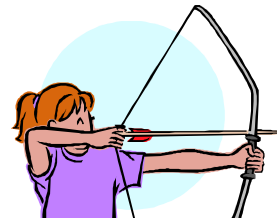
NASP BAI Training held at the Sportsmen's Refuge in Cheat Lake (Monongalia Co.) near Morgantown. 12 individuals became BAI certified. 5 new schools were welcomed to the WV Archery in the Schools Program.

August:

NASP BAI Training held at the Summersville Armory (Nicholas Co). 18 individuals took the BAI training. Tests are currently being graded. This training had

media coverage from Nicholas County Chronicle, Webster County Echo, and WOAY TV (Channel 4 – Beckley).

Program Coordinator, Jerry Westfall, interviewed by Chris Lawrence – Metro Radio News concerning the WV Archery in the Schools Program. This will be great media coverage for our rapidly growing program.



Upcoming Trainings (2008):

No new upcoming trainings are currently scheduled. However, we anticipate having a training in late fall (possibly December).

Please note any training scheduled in 2008 will likely be the last free training available. Due to budget constraints DNR will charge a training registration fee to cover the cost of instruction manuals, DVD's, etc. after January 1, 2009.

Teachers are encouraged to keep watching our website: www.wvdnr.gov/archery for scheduled upcoming training. When this training is scheduled it will likely be very popular, since it will still be free.

Also note that due to the hands-on training involved in BAI certification, classroom size will still be limited to the first 25 teachers registered. So, if you are interested in getting your school involved in the AIS Program, you need to register for training before these classes are full.

Interested in hosting a training?

Would you like a training to come to your area? We can travel anywhere in the state, but we first need a minimum of 15 interested teachers from your area – preferably from as many different schools as possible.

Those wishing to host a training must fill out the BAI Attendee Enrollment Form (Excel Spreadsheet on our website) and send this to the program coordinator via email. This form has cells for contact information (name, school, position, school and home telephone numbers, home mailing address, and school and home e-mail addresses) needed to start registering attendees. You should also ensure an adequately-sized facility is available, adequately staffed, open to us for a 3-day period (during the week), and is free of charge.

Upcoming FAQ Sheet:

We handle many questions about West Virginia's Archery in the Schools Program. And many of these questions are quite similar. To discuss the basic programmatic questions, we have been working on a Fact Sheet (FAQ) sheet for quite some time. Finally, this FAQ sheet will soon be posted on our website – likely within the next two weeks! The FAQ sheet will be divided into four categories: General Information; Equipment; Trainings; and, Tournaments. It is our intention to continually update this document, so please refer to our website frequently. But please continue to feel free to contact us directly.

Upcoming 2009 State Tournament:

We have tentatively scheduled our next State Tournament for Saturday, March 28, 2009. It most likely will again be at the Summersville Armory. Details are currently being worked out, but we are very excited about the possibility of once again coming to this fantastic facility. Summersville is near the center of the State, near a major interstate, and has adequate overnight lodging accommodations. We hope to see many of you at our upcoming State Tournament!

Proposed Tournament Rule Changes:

Because of the ever-growing WV Archery in the Schools Program, certain new State Tournament rule changes will be necessary for 2009. These tournament rule changes are still in development, but will likely be posted on our website in October when we post all the tournament rules.

However, everyone should be alerted now to one rule change (number of bows) in order to purchase a sufficient number for State Tournament competition. Teams registering for the 2009 State Tournament will need to show they have an adequate number of working bows (both left and right-handed) to accommodate their team in the 2 team blocks. Please work now to purchase an adequate number of bows if you are interested in coming to the State Tournament in 2009.

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